

## WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

In reply, please refer to:

Subject: - Summary of Questions asked at Preliminary meeting of Block Managers and Representatives with the Rohwer Relocation Center Authorities and the War Department Team - (Held at 2:00 PM, February 6, 1943 in Service Hall of Block #28)

1. What guarantee have we who volunteer for induction that we can return to our homes and property in California etc when state legislatures are contemplating laws prohibiting Japanese Americans citizens ownership of property.
2. Why has not a definite and clear cut statement been made publicly to explain that we in the Relocation Centers are not prisoners of war, undesirables, internees etc. (Note: The general feeling seems to be that the opposition outside the centers to the evacuees is based on the ignorance of the public as to the true status of the evacuees).
3. Will the Japanese Americans inducted through normal SS Channels be assigned to an all Japanese American combat unit.
4. Does the statement made publicly by Senator Rankin of Mississippi express the consensus of opinion of congress in regard to opposition for using Japanese American troops in the American Army. (Note: the Nisei seem to be very sensitive about the statement by Senator Rankin which recently appeared in an A.P. release, and this statement not being refuted practically amounts to "silence lending consent")
5. If I volunteer for induction and am accepted and make an allotment to my father & mother in a Relocation Center, they not being eligible for indefinite leave, would the W.R.A. make them pay rent or board.
6. By what process will a boy who is in 4C now be reclassified into 1A if he does not volunteer for induction, having in mind action which could be taken by an unfriendly SS board.
7. Will Civil Service employees be reinstated in Western Defense Command area if loyalty is proven. 2nd after the war, 3rd will they have the privilege of Civil Service in some relocation area other than their home areas.
8. Will my voluntary induction be any assurance that my previous employer will give me my job back after discharge, in a navy yard for instance.
9. If there is no evidence of sabotage on the part of Japanese Americans why doesn't the army and navy give publicity to that fact.



JAH.